

Application No. 10/614,923

Docket No.: 05500-00153-US

REMARKS

Claims 30-38, 40-42, 46-47 and 49 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 20, 39, 43-45 and 48 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuations directed to the subject matter thereof.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 30-37 and 49 are allowed, and that claims 40-42, 46 and 47 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (*See*, the final Office Action, p. 9).

Claim 38 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claims 40-42 and intervening claim 39. Claims 40-42 and 46-47 have been amended to correct the referenced dependency in accordance with the cancellation of claims 39 and 43-45. The amendments made herein introduce no new matter. A complete listing of all claims ever presented is set forth above in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1). Accordingly, entry of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding rejections are rendered moot as the pending claims are directed to the subject matter indicated as allowed or allowable in the final Office Action.

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Accordingly, Applicants submit that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art of record and known to Applicants. Withdrawal of the rejections and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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